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Title: **TREATING NEURAL CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM SPINAL CORD CONTUSIONS AND OTHER CAUSES**  
Inventors: Richard J. Zeman and Joseph D. Etlinger  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified patent application in the names of Richard J. Zeman and Joseph D. Etlinger, entitled **TREATING NEURAL CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM SPINAL CORD CONTUSIONS AND OTHER CAUSES**, comprising the following:

1. a Reply under 37 CFR 1.111 to the October 24, 2001 Office Action (7 pages) with Marked up Examined Claims (1 page) and attached supporting literature -- page 1 of "Thoracic Screw Placement in Deformity: Technique Pitfalls, Complications, Results";
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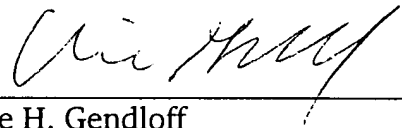
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